

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
CONT OF U.S. APPLN. NO. 08/816,138**

Page 39, line ~~4~~[✓], delete "and" and insert --, while--;
line ~~24~~[✓], after "basis of" insert --the addition phase difference signal,--.
Page 40, line ~~10~~[✓], delete "have" and insert --has--.

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:

Line ~~2~~[✓], delete "DVD" and insert --high density optical disk (DVD)--;
Line ~~5~~[✓], before "unit" insert --a--;
Line ~~6~~[✓], before "pre-pit" insert --a--;
Line ~~7~~[✓], before "phase" insert --a--;
Line ~~10~~[✓], before "holding" insert --a--.

REMARKS

Prior to examination of the Application, the Examiner is kindly requested to enter the amendments to the specification and the Abstract of the Disclosure. It is respectfully submitted that this Preliminary Amendment places the application in better condition for examination.

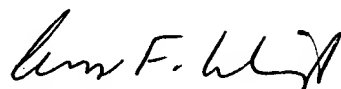
The foregoing changes merely correct typographical, grammatical, syntactical, and idiomatic errors. No new matter is added by the above amendments.

An action on the merits is respectfully requested.

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Please charge any fee, except for the Issue Fee, that may be necessary for the continued pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

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